**INITIAL COMMENTS**

A complaint survey was completed on April 19, 2022. The complaint was unsubstantiated (intake #NC00186458). Deficiencies were cited.

This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .1900 Psychiatric Residential Treatment for Children and Adolescents.

The survey sample consisted of audits of 3 current clients and 1 former client.

**GOVERNING BODY POLICIES**

10A NCAC 27G .0201 GOVERNING BODY POLICIES

(a) The governing body responsible for each facility or service shall develop and implement written policies for the following:

1. delegation of management authority for the operation of the facility and services;
2. criteria for admission;
3. criteria for discharge;
4. admission assessments, including:
   (A) who will perform the assessment; and
   (B) time frames for completing assessment.
5. client record management, including:
   (A) persons authorized to document;
   (B) transporting records;
   (C) safeguard of records against loss, tampering, defacement or use by unauthorized persons;
   (D) assurance of record accessibility to authorized users at all times; and
   (E) assurance of confidentiality of records.
6. screenings, which shall include:
   (A) an assessment of the individual's presenting problem or need;
   (B) an assessment of whether or not the facility can provide services to address the individual's needs.
### Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction

**Division of Health Service Regulation**

**NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER:** BRYNN MARR HOSPITAL  
**STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:** 192 VILLAGE DRIVE, JACKSONVILLE, NC 28546

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(C) the disposition, including referrals and recommendations;  
(7) quality assurance and quality improvement activities, including:  
(A) composition and activities of a quality assurance and quality improvement committee;  
(B) written quality assurance and quality improvement plan;  
(C) methods for monitoring and evaluating the quality and appropriateness of client care, including delineation of client outcomes and utilization of services;  
(D) professional or clinical supervision, including a requirement that staff who are not qualified professionals and provide direct client services shall be supervised by a qualified professional in that area of service;  
(E) strategies for improving client care;  
(F) review of staff qualifications and a determination made to grant treatment/habilitation privileges;  
(G) review of all fatalities of active clients who were being served in area-operated or contracted residential programs at the time of death;  
(H) adoption of standards that assure operational and programmatic performance meeting applicable standards of practice. For this purpose, *"applicable standards of practice" means a level of competence established with reference to the prevailing and accepted methods, and the degree of knowledge, skill and care exercised by other practitioners in the field; | 04/19/2022 |

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This Rule is not met as evidenced by:

Based on record review and interviews, the facility failed to implement written standards that assured operational and programmatic performance meeting applicable standards of practice for reporting serious occurrences to the State designated Protection and Advocacy system. The findings are:

Review on 4/14/22 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) revealed:

- "§483.374(b) Reporting of serious occurrences. The facility must report each serious occurrence to both the State Medicaid agency and, unless prohibited by State law, the State-designated Protection and Advocacy system. Serious occurrences that must be reported include a resident's death, a serious injury to a resident as defined in §483.352 of this part, and a resident's suicide attempt."

Reviews between 4/14/22 - 4/19/22 of client #7's record revealed:

- 16 year old female admitted 1/12/21.
- Diagnoses included disruptive mood Dysregulation disorder; autistic disorder; and schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type.
- Client #7 had a history of suicidal ideation and suicide attempt.

Review on 4/18/22 of client #7's "Master Treatment Plan Update/Clinical Staffing Worksheet" dated 3/3/2022 revealed:

- On 2/10/22 client #7 was in the bathroom to shower and did not respond to staff. Staff found client #7 sitting on the bathroom floor with a pair of her pants wrapped around her neck. "Patient
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-Acknowledged suicide attempt.

On 2/14/22 client #7 "expressed that she had consumed a small amount of toothpaste and body wash, but stated that she was unsure of why she did it."

-On 2/18/22 client #7 was observed to be drooling on the floor and told the nurse that she tried to stick a tampon down her throat.

-Progress toward goals related to "Suicidal Ideation/Self-Injurious Behaviors" documented, "During this review period, Patient acknowledges having Suicidal Ideation, with several attempts of suicide as mentioned above."

Review on 4/18/22 of client #7’s Individual Therapy note dated 2/17/22 revealed:

Direct quote by client #7, "I’m not doing well ... I know we spoke about my Suicide attempt from Thursday (would have been 2/10/22) but I had another one on Friday. I read on the tooth paste bottle that too much tooth paste could lead to positioning (poisoning) so I tried to eat as much tooth paste I could so that I’d get sick enough."

Review of the Incident Report Log on 4/18/22 revealed:

Incident date 2/10/22: Incident "Type" was listed as "Suicidal Behavior." Client #7 had a "bad" phone call with her parent/guardian. Client was observed sitting on the shower room floor with pants loosely wrapped around her neck with a toothpaste cap in her mouth.

Incident date 2/15/22: Incident "Type" was listed as "Non-Suicidal Self Injurious Behavior." Client #7 was found "drooling" and stated she had tried to hurt herself by swallowing a tampon. The tampon was found in the trash.

- No documentation reports of suicide attempts had been reported to DRNC.
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This Rule is not met as evidenced by:

Based on interviews and records review, the facility failed to provide required supervision and specialized interventions to ensure the safety of clients on a 24-hour basis affecting 2 of 3 current clients audited (#7, #12) and 1 of 1 former client audited (#17). The findings are:

Cross Reference: 10A NCAC 27G .0603 INCIDENT RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY A AND B PROVIDERS Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to develop and implement written policies governing their response to incidents to (1) determine the cause of the incident; (2) develop/implement measures to correct and/or prevent similar incidents; or, (3) assign person(s) to be responsible for implementation of the corrective and/or preventive measures.

Cross Reference: 10A NCAC 27G .1901 STAFF (V315) Based on record review and interview the facility failed to ensure at all times, at least two direct care staff members shall be present with every six children or adolescents in the
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Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and PRTF staff responsibilities were separate from those performed on an acute medical unit affecting 1 of 3 current clients audited (client #7) and 1 of 1 former client (FC#17) audited.

Review on 4/19/22 of the Plan of Protection dated 4/19/22 signed by the Chief Nursing officer revealed:

- "What immediate action will the facility take to ensure the safety of the consumer's in your care? Effective immediately, PRTF is to remain in ratio (2:6) at all time to include when codes are called. Assignment sheets will be revised removing all codes to ensure no PRTF staff attend to any codes off the unit. memos were distributed and signed by PRTF staff regarding the ratio of 2:6 & not responding to codes.

- "Describe your plans to make sure the above happens. Every 2 hours, the house supervisor will monitor & verify staffing level ensuring the ratio remain 2:6 at all times."

Client #7 was a 16 year-old female admitted 1/12/21 with diagnoses of disruptive mood Dysregulation disorder; autistic disorder; and schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type. Client #7 had a history of aggressive behaviors and suicidal ideation and suicidal attempt. Client #12 was a 15 year-old female admitted 6/24/21 with diagnoses of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), bipolar disorder, and oppositional defiant disorder (ODD). FC#17 was a 15 year old female admitted 6/9/21 and discharged 3/4/22 with diagnoses of bipolar disorder, unspecified; ADHD, combined type; post-traumatic stress disorder, chronic; and ODD. FC#17 was known by the staff to make antagonizing verbal comments to her peers. Client #7 became aggressive and bit FC#17 on 3...
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Each bite wound broke the skin and required FC#17 to receive oral and topical antibiotics. Client #12 was bitten by client #7 on 2/19/22 during the altercation with client #7 and FC#17 and had to receive topical antibiotics for the bite wound. The incidents on 2/19/22 and 2/28/22 escalated to include multiple clients on the unit. Client #7 was identified to attempt suicide on 2/10/22 and reported in her treatment team on 3/3/22 that she had "several attempts" of suicide during her review period between 2/3/22 and 3/3/22. Client #7's parent/guardian informed the Therapist on 2/17/22 that client #7 had a historical pattern to "go months" without problems, then experience Suicidal ideation that would be followed by aggressive behavior. The facility failed to implement their Incident Report policy to investigate and implement measure to prevent recurrent suicide attempts or aggressive attacks by client #7. On 2/28/22 all but 3 staff left the unit to respond to an emergency situation on another acute unit of the hospital. This left the unit with 16 clients and 3 staff. Two of the staff had a 1:1 assignment, and, by default, the 3rd staff was responsible for 14 clients, one being client #7. Shortly after the staff left the unit, client #7 and FC#17 engaged in negative verbal exchanges, followed by the 3rd attack by client #7 biting FC#17. Other clients became involved as well. This deficiency constitutes a Type A1 rule violation for serious neglect and must be corrected within 23 days. An administrative penalty of $----.00 is imposed. If the violation is not corrected within 23 days, an additional administrative penalty of $500.00 per day will be imposed for each day the facility is out of compliance beyond the 23rd day.
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This Rule is not met as evidenced by:

Based on record review and interview the facility failed to ensure at all times, at least two direct care staff members shall be present with every six children or adolescents in the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and, PRTF staff responsibilities were separate from those performed on an acute medical unit or other residential units.

Reviews between 4/14/22 - 4/19/22 of client #7's record revealed:
- 16 year old female admitted 1/12/21.

27G .1902 STAFF

(a) Each facility shall be under the direction of a physician board-eligible or certified in child psychiatry or a general psychiatrist with experience in the treatment of children and adolescents with mental illness.
(b) At all times, at least two direct care staff members shall be present with every six children or adolescents in each residential unit.
(c) If the PRTF is hospital based, staff shall be specifically assigned to this facility, with responsibilities separate from those performed on an acute medical unit or other residential units.
(d) A psychiatrist shall provide weekly consultation to review medications with each child or adolescent admitted to the facility.
(e) The PRTF shall provide 24 hour on-site coverage by a registered nurse.

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separated by staff. The registered nurse applied first aid to the bite wound, "No broken skin noted."

Review on 4/19/22 of the facility policy, "Psychiatric Emergency (Code AIMZ- Actively Involved in Making it Zero)" revealed:
- "Policy Statement: To provide adequate backup crisis intervention when a patient's behavior has escalated beyond the effective use of verbal intervention and/or available human resources are inadequate to safely manage the psychiatric emergency..."
- "Response to the "Code AIMZ" 1. All assigned, trained staff members are expected to respond immediately, if it is deemed safe to leave their work station, to the crisis area and await instruction from the code leader (staff member with firsthand knowledge of crisis event)."

Review on 4/19/22 of the daily staff "Assignment Sheet" for 2/28/22 revealed:
- Staff worked 12 hour shifts, 7am-7pm and 7pm-7am.
- There was a place on the form to list staff assigned to respond to "Code AIMZ/elopement" for each shift.
- There were no staff assigned to respond to Code AIMZ on the 7 am - 7 pm shift on 2/28/22.

Review on 4/19/22 of the "Daily Assignment Sheet" for the 7am-7pm shift on 2/28/22 revealed a census of 16 with 7 staff assigned.

Interview on 4/18/22 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #1 stated:
- On 2/28/22 she was working the 7 am - 7 pm shift on PRTF and was not "that familiar with the girls" on the unit.
- She was hired in January 2022 and "normally" worked on one of the acute hospital units.
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- "Close" to the end of her shift on 2/28/22 a Code AIMZ was called by one of the acute units. "Before I knew it everyone was gone."
- There was an assignment sheet that listed the staff assigned for the Code AIMS response. She was not sure who was on the list to go to the codes.
- All of the staff working PRTF left the unit to respond to the Code AIMZ except for herself, staff #2 who was assigned to work 1:1 with FC#17, and a staff #3 who was assigned to work 1:1 with client # 8.
- When her co-workers left the unit to respond to the code, she was left with 14 clients, to include client #7.
- She was able to get all but client #7 to congregate into 1 lounge to watch television.
- Client #7 got up and went to the lounge across the hall. She could see client #7 through the door windows sitting in a chair. She looked calm.
- All of the other clients told her that client #7 was going to "go off" because she had been "amping up" all day.
- Suddenly she heard Staff #2 yell for help; client #7 had FC#17 by her hair. Staff #3 came out and the altercation occurred in an alcove off of the hall.
- She should not have been left alone in her opinion. When she worked on her unit, only 1 staff was assigned to respond to a code AIMZ.
- The incident occurred about 15 minutes after the staff left to go to the Code AIMZ.
- She called a Code AIMS and Crystal called a Code AIMS.

Interview on 4/18/22 Staff # 2 stated:
- She had been employed at the facility for 5 ½ months.
- On 2/28/22 she was working 1:1 with FC#17.
- It was not long after the staff left for the Code
AIMZ that client #7 "ran up on [FC#17] and attacked her."
-FC#17 was upset and was pacing in the hall before the attack. **Client #7 standing** in the hall by the "Quiet" room.
-Staff #2 and FC#17 were at the end of the hall past the "Quiet" Room at the furthest point from the lounge when one client called the other a "b---h."
-The attack happened so fast there was nothing she could do to prevent the incident.
-The other 2 staff on the unit came to help, called a Code AIMZ, and other staff arrived.
-It was so "chaotic" she could not say how many of the responders were from the staff that had left the unit.
-Several of the other clients "jumped" on client #7. She could not say who they were because she was so focused on FC#17.
-At the beginning of a shift the "techs" would discuss who would respond to codes.
-She did not know who was assigned on 2/28/22 to respond to codes; there was only 1 staff assigned each shift.
-When client #7 attacked FC#17 on 2/28/22, the bite was client #7's first physical aggressive behavior.
-Given the "quickness" of the incident on 2/28/22, if another staff had been on the unit hall it probably still would have happened, but maybe not as "bad" because client #7 and FC#17 could have been separated quicker.

Interviews on 4/18/22 and 4/19/22 the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) stated:
-On 2/28/22 the House Supervisor told the staff on PRTF to respond to the Code AIMZ because it was paged 3 times, and the last time it was paged, as "STAT" (urgent).
-The PRTF staff were not supposed to leave the
### Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction

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Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this Rule.

(b) In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, ICF/MR providers shall address incidents as required by the federal regulations in 42 CFR Part 483 Subpart I.

(c) In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, Category A and B providers, excluding ICF/MR providers, shall develop and implement written policies governing their response to a level III incident that occurs while the provider is delivering a billable service or while the client is on the provider's premises. The policies shall require the provider to respond by:

1. immediately securing the client record by:
   A. obtaining the client record;
   B. making a photocopy;
   C. certifying the copy's completeness; and
   D. transferring the copy to an internal review team;

2. convening a meeting of an internal review team within 24 hours of the incident. The internal review team shall consist of individuals who were not involved in the incident and who were not responsible for the client's direct care or with direct professional oversight of the client's services at the time of the incident. The internal review team shall complete all of the activities as follows:
   A. review the copy of the client record to determine the facts and causes of the incident and make recommendations for minimizing the occurrence of future incidents;
   B. gather other information needed;
   C. issue written preliminary findings of fact within five working days of the incident. The preliminary findings of fact shall be sent to the LME in whose catchment area the provider is located.
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located and to the LME where the client resides, if different; and
(D) issue a final written report signed by the owner within three months of the incident. The final report shall be sent to the LME in whose catchment area the provider is located and to the LME where the client resides, if different. The final written report shall address the issues identified by the internal review team, shall include all public documents pertinent to the incident, and shall make recommendations for minimizing the occurrence of future incidents. If all documents needed for the report are not available within three months of the incident, the LME may give the provider an extension of up to three months to submit the final report; and
(3) immediately notifying the following:
(A) the LME responsible for the catchment area where the services are provided pursuant to Rule .0604;
(B) the LME where the client resides, if different;
(C) the provider agency with responsibility for maintaining and updating the client's treatment plan, if different from the reporting provider;
(D) the Department;
(E) the client's legal guardian, as applicable; and
(F) any other authorities required by law.

This Rule is not met as evidenced by:
Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to develop and implement written policies
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governing their response to incidents to (1) determine the cause of the incident; (2) develop/implement measures to correct and/or prevent similar incidents; or, (3) assign person(s) to be responsible for implementation of the corrective and/or preventive measures. The findings are:

Reviews between 4/14/22 - 4/19/22 of client #7's record revealed:
-16 year old female admitted 1/12/21.
-Diagnoses included disruptive mood Dysregulation disorder; autistic disorder; and schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type.
-Client #7 had a history of suicidal ideation and suicide attempt.
-2/17/22 Individual Therapy note documented client #7 reported to the therapist "I'm not doing well ... I know we spoke about my Suicide attempt from Thursday (would have been 2/10/22) but I had another one on Friday. I read on the toothpaste bottle that too much toothpaste could lead to positioning (poisoning) so I tried to eat as much tooth paste I could so that I'd get sick enough."
-2/17/22 Family Therapy note documented client #7's parent/guardian reported that client #7 "can go months where she's doing good and then she will have Suicidal ideation, and then her behavior will get aggressive. When I got the call the other day about her Suicide attempt, I told them that she would next get aggressive and see that's exactly what happened."
-Client #7 had been on every 5 minute observation status at the time of each physical aggression/biting incident on 2/16/22, 2/19/22, and 2/28/22. This remained the same following the incidents on 2/16/22 and 2/19/22. On 3/1/22 her observation status was increased to 1:1 staffing by the physician.
Reviews between 4/14/22 and 1/19/22 of FC#17's record revealed:
-Diagnoses included bipolar disorder, unspecified; attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), combined type; post-traumatic stress disorder, chronic; and oppositional defiant disorder ODD).
-Seen by the facility physician on 2/17/22 for a human bite wound that punctured the skin. The wound was a 4 cm (centimeters) superficial "U" shaped arch laceration to the left biceps with mild bruising and erythematous. HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and hepatitis screening panel ordered and negative. Augmentin (antibiotic) ordered twice daily for 5 days with topical Neosporin (antibiotic) ointment twice daily for 3 days.
-On 2/19/22 FC#17 was seen in the Emergency Room (ER) for a human bite, contusion to her face, and contusion of the left ankle and foot that was sustained during an assault at the PRTF. Fractures were ruled out by radiographs of her shoulder, mandible, and left foot. Augmentin 500-125 mg was administered in the ER and a prescription for Augmentin 875-125 mg twice daily for 7 days.
-Bitten by client #7 on 2/28/22 during an altercation described by the physician at discharge, "Very superficial abrasion to right scapula area on back, roughly 1-2 cm (centimeters), only involving the top layer of epidermis with small amount of surrounding bruising... Triple antibiotic ointment ordered topically twice a day for four days to treat new bite mark."

Review on 4/19/22 of client #12's record
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revealed:
- Diagnoses included bipolar disorder, ADHD, and ODD.
- On 2/21/22 the facility physician ordered Augmentin 875 mg-125mg twice daily for 5 days for human bite prophylaxis.

Review on 4/18/22 of client #7’s Master Treatment Plan Update/Clinical Staffing Worksheets dated 2/3/22 and 3/3/2022 revealed:

- 2/3/22 Master Treatment Plan Update/Clinical Staffing Worksheet documented:
  - No incidents of verbal or physical aggression.
  - No incident of self-injurious behaviors.
  - Client #7 “acknowledged "fighting on the unit and difficult phone calls with her Mother” were stressors that would lead to self-injurious behaviors.

- 3/3/22 Master Treatment Plan Update/Clinical Staffing Worksheet documented:
  - On 2/10/22 client #7 was in the bathroom to shower and did not respond to staff. Staff found client #7 sitting on the bathroom floor with a pair of her pants wrapped around her neck. "Patient acknowledged suicide Attempt."
  - On 2/14/22 client #7 "expressed that she had consumed a small amount of toothpaste and body wash, but stated that she was unsure of why she did it."
  - On 2/18/22 client #7 was observed to be drooling on the floor and told the nurse that she tried to stick a tampon down her throat.
  - Progress toward goals related to "Suicidal Ideation/Self-Injurious Behaviors” documented, "During this review period, Patient acknowledges having Suicidal Ideation, with several attempts of suicide as mentioned above."
Review on 4/18/22 of the facility policy, "Incident Report (IR) Incident Reporting Process revealed:
- The facility Risk Manager was responsible "overall" to "Conduct follow up and investigation to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to prevent further incident/injury and/or reoccurrence."

Review of Incident Report Log on 4/18/22 revealed:
- Only 1 report of a Suicide attempt as follows: Incident date 2/10/22. Client #7 had a "bad" phone call with her parent/guardian. Client was observed sitting on the shower room floor with pants loosely wrapped around her neck with a toothpaste cap in her mouth.
- One report of a "Non-Suicidal Behavior" as follows: Incident date 2/15/22: Client #7 was observed to be drooling and reported she was trying to hurt herself by swallowing a tampon. The tampon was found in the trash.
- No incident report for client #7 consuming toothpaste or body wash as a suicidal or self-harm incident.
- 2/16/22: Clients #7 and FC#17 were exchanging rude comments when FC#17 made the comment, "at least I have a family." In response client #7 became physically aggressive, grabbed FC#17 by her hair, and bit FC#17's forearm, breaking the skin. Staff applied first aid.
- 2/19/22: Client #7 "attacked" FC#17, biting her on the back and kicking, stomping her right leg. Client #7 then attacked client #12 by biting client #12 on her right middle finger. Client #12 pulled client #7's hair and scratched her face. The clients were separated by the staff and then client #7 "charged" at client #5 pulling her hair and hitting her. FC #17 was sent to the emergency room (ER) for evaluation of the bite wound and right leg injury. The physician in the ER ordered...
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oral antibiotics in addition to those ordered by the facility physician following the bite wound on 2/16/22.

-2/28/22: Client #7 attacked FC#17 and bit her on the right shoulder. FC#17 and client #5 then began to hitting client #7. The clients were separated by staff. The registered nurse applied first aid to the bit wound, "No broken skin noted."

- No documentation incidents had been followed up and investigated to ensure appropriate actions were taken to prevent further incident/injury and/or reoccurrence.

Review on 4/18/22 of "Camera Review" of 2/19/22 incident:

- Camera video reviewed on 2/22/22 by the Nurse Manager.

- Incident began at approximately 5:53 pm when staff were seen attempting to verbally de-escalate and separate FC#17 from her peers. Client #7 was able to make physical contact and was seen pulling FC#17's hair, hitting her, jumping on her back, and kicking her left leg approximately 6 times. Client #8 was also involved in the physical attack of FC#17.

- A code for emergency response was called at approximately 5:54 pm and approximately 8 staff arrived to assist and FC#17 and client #7 were separated with a fire door between the 2 clients.

- At 5:55 pm client #7 "appears" to physically attack client #5 and client #12 pulling client #7's hair.

- At 5:56 pm client #7 was seen being escorted to the quiet room and it looked like a voluntary "time out."

Interview on 1/18/22 client #7 stated:

- Her experience in the facility was "good and not so good here."

- She would say it was "75% good."
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-What could make it better would be if it were "more quiet and less drama."

Interview on 4/14/22 Registered Nurse (RN) #1 stated:
- She was working on 2/16/22 when client #7 bit FC#17.
- Prior to the altercation nurse was leading a group session with clients. Client #7 was "upset and pacing," but she was not sure why she was exhibiting this behavior. FC #17 was coming "in and out" of the lounge where they were having group, despite having been redirected.
- Client #7 was in the "Quiet Room" when FC#17 made a comment to her that "seemed to trigger" client #7.
- Staff tried unsuccessfully to get FC#17 into the lounge, but client #7 was able to leave the "Quiet Room" and the physical altercation occurred.
- FC#17 had a behavior of making antagonizing comments to other clients, not just to client #7.
- Client #7 had not had any recent aggressive incidents to this severity until 2/16/22.
- Client #7 was "sensitive" about her family. FC#17's comments about client #7's family triggered the physical attack.

Interview on 4/18/22 Staff #1 stated:
- She was working on 2/19/22 when client #7 bit FC#17.
- The problems on the unit started when with an altercation between client #8 and FC#17.
- Client #7 "appeared" and joined in, as did client #12. Client #7 then "went for [client #5]."
- It was "very chaotic ... some of the girls were crying, screaming."
- Client #7 had been "calm" for months, then her behaviors became spontaneous and unexpected. FC#17 had a behavior of saying things out loud that would upset the other clients.
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**Interview on 4/18/22Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #1 stated:**
- She was working on 2/28/22 when client #7 bit FC#17
- She started working at the facility in January 2022, but "normally" worked on one of the acute units and was not very familiar with the clients on the residential unit.
- Client #7 had told others "multiple times that day" that someone was telling her to "physically attack" FC#17.
- The attack occurred near the end of the shift when all but 3 staff had left the unit in response to an emergency code called by another unit. There were 16 clients.
- Two of the staff that did not leave the unit on 2/28/22 had been assigned 1:1 with a client; she was left with the remaining 14 clients.
- No one had interviewed her about this incident. She was very upset about what had occurred.

**Interview on 4/18/22Staff #2 stated:**
- She was working 1:1 with FC#17 on 2/28/22 when FC#17 was attacked and bitten by client #7.
- Prior to the attack FC#17 was upset and "pacing" in the hall. Client #7 was by the "comfort" room (same as the quiet room).
- One client called the other a "b---h" while she and FC#17 were at the end of the hall. She was not sure if client #7 made the comment to FC#17, or if FC#7 made the comment to client #7.
- Client #7 "ran up on [FC#17] and attacked her."
- The bite was the first attack.
- She did not think anyone had talked to her about this incident, but could not remember for certain.

**Interview on 4/18/22client #7's Therapist stated:**
- To her knowledge client #7 had not displayed any physical aggressive behaviors since August
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2021 until 2/16/22.
- She met with client #7 on 2/17/22 and they discussed the 2/16/22 incident.
- The next meeting she had with client #7 was on 2/23/22 to prepare for the treatment team. She looked at her notes and did not see any discussion of the 2nd (2/19/22) physical altercation/bite incident with FC#17.
- She was on vacation the week of 2/28/22 when the 3rd physical altercation/bite incident occurred.
- Client #7’s goal related to aggression was discussed at her Treatment Team meeting on 3/3/22 with client strategies to include coping skills, communication, deep breathing, and mindfulness. Client #7 also had medication changes during this time.

Interviews on 4/18/22 and 4/19/22 the Chief Nursing Officer stated:
- There were no meetings “pulled together” by the Performance Improvement/Risk Manager (PI/RM) in response to client #7’s behavior incidents.
- Review and follow up to client #7’s incidents would not be a part of the safety committee review.
- The incident log information data was entered by the nursing staff.
- The PI/RM was on vacation, but the PI/RM staff confirmed there was no additional incident response information for the incidents on 2/16/22, 2/19/22, or 2/28/22.

This deficiency is cross referenced into 10A NCAC 27G .1901 SCOPE (V314) for a Type A1 rule violation.